

Announcement of Regulatory Change

On March 19, 2008, the State Board of Equalization (Board) approved the amendments to proposed Alcoholic Beverage Tax Regulation 2558, Distilled Spirits; Regulation 2559, Presumption - Distilled Spirits; Regulation 2559.1, Rebuttable Presumption - Distilled Spirits; Regulation 2559.3, Internet List; and Regulation 2559.5, Correct Classification (hereafter, collectively, Regulations). The Board referred the proposed Regulations to the fifteen-day file, recommending that changes be made to the published versions of the proposed Regulations.

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.8(c), the revised version of these proposed Regulations are being placed in the rulemaking file and mailed today to interested parties who commented orally or in writing, or who asked to be informed of such revisions. If you wish to review the rulemaking file, it is available for your inspection at the State Board of Equalization, 450 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. The proposed Regulations will be placed on the April 8, 2008, Chief Counsel Matters for the Board's consideration for approval.

Additionally, pursuant to the requirements of Government Code sections 11346.8(d), 11346.9(a)(1), and 11347.1, the Board is providing notice that a document, which the agency has relied upon in adopting the proposed Regulations, has been added to the rulemaking file and is available for public inspection and comment. The document added to the rulemaking file is as follows: Board of Equalization Formal Issue Paper No. 07-007 and Exhibits 1-4 dated August 3, 2007.

To view the fifteen-day file select the following link
http://www.boe.ca.gov/regs/alcohol_beverage_tax.htm.

Questions regarding the substance of the proposed Regulations should be directed to Ms. Monica Brisbane (916) 322-0438, at 450 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, e-mail Monica.Brisbane@boe.ca.gov or MIC:82, P.O. Box 942879, 450 N Street, Sacramento, CA 94279-0082.

The State Board of Equalization will consider written comments on the modified proposed Regulations and the document added to the rulemaking file for fifteen days after the date on which the modified proposed Regulations and the document added are made available to the public. The public comment period will commence from the date of this notice and will end on April 5, 2008. Written comments for the Board's consideration, notice of intent to present testimony or inquiries concerning the proposed administrative action should be directed to Rick Bennion, Regulations Coordinator, telephone (916) 445-2130, fax (916) 324-3984, e-mail Richard.Bennion@boe.ca.gov or by mail at State Board of Equalization, Attn: Rick Bennion, MIC:80, P.O. Box 942879, 450 N Street, Sacramento, CA 94279-0080.